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METHOD OF SIMULTANEOUSLY ENHANCING ANALGESIC POTENCY AND ATTENUATING DEPENDENCE LIABILITY

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OPIOID AGONISTS

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- 1. Form PTO/SB/08 (3 sheets) listing Requests for *Ex parte* Reexaminations of U.S. Patent Nos. RE 36,547, 5,767,125, 5,580,876, 6,362,194 and 6,096,756, and new references not of record in the subject application that were cited in the Requests for Reexamination;
- 2. a copy of the Request for *Ex parte* Reexamination of U.S. Patent No. RE 36,547, including Transmittal (4 pages), Request (86 pages), copy of U.S. Patent No. RE 36,547 (19 pages), copy of List of References Cited by Requester (1 page) and copies of references listed thereon (13 references);

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3. a copy of the Request for *Ex parte* Reexamination of U.S. Patent No. 5,767,125, including Transmittal (4 pages), Request (63 pages), copy of U.S. Patent No. 5,767,125 (22 pages), copy of List of References Cited by Requester (1 page) and copies of references listed thereon (11 references);

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- 7. copies of the references on form PTO/SB/08 not of record in the subject application.

Applicants note that many of the references identified in the Requests for Reexamination are of record in the subject application. The references listed on PTO/SB/08 are believed not to be of record in the subject application, and are believed to be cumulative to the patents and literature publications already considered by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the Requests for Reexamination of U.S. Patent Nos. RE 36,547, 5,767,125, 5,580,876, 6,362,194 and 6,096,756, including the publications cited therein, in its examination of the subject application.

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Authorization is hereby given to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment, or charge any additional extension of time fee necessary to preserve the pendency of the subject application, to Deposit Account No. 01-1785.

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